CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A method for cutting a web (1) conveyed along a conveyance direction (F), and subsequent feeding and threading it up into a processing line (13), said web (1) comprising a central portion (1c) and edges (1a, 1b), the method comprising the steps of:

   (i)   cutting off at least one edge (1a, 1b) laterally from the central portion (1c);

   (ii)   cutting said at least one edge (1a, 1b) along a direction transverse to the conveyance direction (F);

   (iii)   taking up said at least one edge into the processing line (13) through edge channel(s) (4a, 4b); showing a section substantially closed and comprising movable lids;

   (iv)   securing said at least one edge in a pulling unit (11) located at the other extremity of the processing line (13);

   (v)   opening (15) the lids of the channel(s) (4a, 4b) to release said at least one edge so as to allow the central portion to be entrained; and

   (vi)   cutting the central portion traversely to the conveyance direction (1c).

16. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15, wherein the taking up step (iii) comprises sucking the edges into tube channels (4a, 4b).

17. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15 further comprising the step of forming a loop (12) of edges at the vicinity of the edge channel (4a, 4b) during step (ii).

18. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15 wherein both edges are processed.

19. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed simultaneously.

20. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed independently.

21. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 20, wherein said both edges are processed sequentially.

22. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (i) comprises a step of keeping the central cutting means (2a, 2b) at a non-moving state for lateral cutting off the edges (1a, 1b) from the central portion (1c).

23. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (ii) comprises a step of instantaneous transversely cutting of the edges (1a, 1b).

24. (Currently Amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web (1) according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (vi) comprises moving the central cutting means (2a, 2b) towards each other transversely to the conveyance direction (F).

Claims 25-28 (cancelled).